





LIVERPOOL now stand just 90 minutes away from the elusive 'double double' – their meeting with Championship rivals Arsenal at Anfield on Friday providing a dramatic finish to a season full of drama.

And if the 'Gunners' needed any reminding of the fire power which threatens Cockney hopes of a titlewinning knees-up it was there for all to see as Liverpool successfully completed the first leg of their two-trophy chase with victory over

Everton in Saturday's FA Cup Final.
Twice the 'Toffees' clawed
themselves back into the match when
all seemed lost. But not for the first
time it was lan Rush who proved the
thorn in their side with two sweetly
taken extra-time goals which put all
the problems of his troublesome first
season at Anfield behind him

season at Anfield behind him.
MATCH captures the excitement of
one of Wembley's most thrilling
encounters in super colour...



CELTIC at last gave the green and white side of Glasgow something to cheer about this season as a Joe Miller goal ended the 'treble' dream for rivals Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park.

And ironically it was English import Gary Stevens – a man bidding to join the exclusive list of players to enjoy League and Cup success both North and South of the border – who handed the trophy to Celtic on a plate.

His mistake let in Miller, who was clear to fire past Chris Woods in the Rangers goal, and the Cup was on its way to Parkhead.

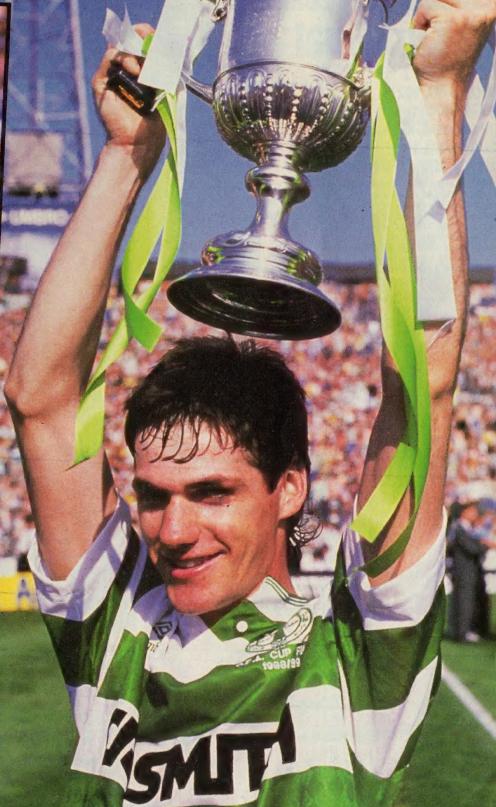
R KO'S RANGERS REBLE DREAM

There was nothing unlucky about the thirteenth Scottish Cup Final for Hampden hot-shot Joe Miller, who parades the trophy after scoring the only goal of the game.

Left: Joyful Joe Miller charges away to receive the adulation of the Celtic fans after scoring the goal that won the Scottish FA Cup.







# **FINAL FAX**





# Saturday, May 20 **FA Cup Final**

EVERTON (0) 2 (McCall 89, 102) LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Aldridge 4, Rush 94, 103) After extra-time Att: 82,800 (at Wembley)

WITH two goals and a genuine quality performance STUART McCALL gave Everton hope when all seemed lost. He turned the game when he came on in the 58th minute and was the 'Toffees' star performer with his accurate distribution. For Liverpool meanwhile RAY HOUGHTON was outstanding – producing a vintage performance and covering every blade of grass to make things tick in the 'Reds'





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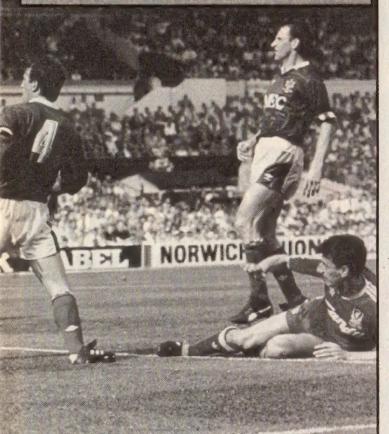
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington) Match Rating: \*\*\*\*

Ray Ryan reports on one of the most dramatic Finals ever seen beneath the twin towers...











Liverpool had most of the possession throughout the 120 minutes so it was no great surprise they won. But we can be proud that we put in a good performance, made it a hard battle and helped produce a very entertaining spectacle. - Colin Harvey (Everton manager)

We always knew we would be the stronger side going into extra-time so we felt no need to panic. It was a great day and it was a fair result on the run of play.

- Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool skipper)

Although I felt we could win going into extra-time, the way Liverpool responded to my two goals shows what a tremendous side they are. Although we've lost it will be a day I'll never forget.

- Stuart McCall (Everton goalscorer)

l've been saying all season that we've got the character and ability to win the double and I may now be proved right. It proves that people should never question us, or consider writing us off.

- Steve McMahon (Liverpool)

TWO-GOAL hero lan Rush shot Liverpool to the brink of 'double double' glory on the day he re-wrote the Merseyside record books - and then declared: "I don't think I'll be in the starting line-up for the title decider against Arsenal!"

The Welsh wizard, who came on as a 72nd minute substitute for John Aldridge, blasted the goals which won Kenny Dalglish's 'Red Army' the FA Cup ... but they came so close to disaster.

After leading 1-0 with a minute remaining, the Anfield outfit watched in agony as Everton substitute Stuart McCall grabbed a last-gasp equaliser, sending the thrilling Final into extra-time.

And when Rush put the 'Reds' back in the lead after 94 minutes, McCall levelled the score eight minutes later with a superbly struck volley.

But Rush's deftly-directed glancing header a minute later not only killed off Everton's Cup dream but gave him his 21st goal in Merseyside derby games – beating Dixie Dean's old record by two.

"I'm obviously very proud to beat the scoring record of a legend like Dixie, but to be honest I'm just relieved we won the Cup," lan said afterwards.

"We should have won in normal time and it was our own fault that we let things slip with seconds remaining.

"Although Everton's goal came as a bitter blow we showed tremendous character to go back at them.

'Our heads may have gone down briefly but we responded well and it was a great personal honour to get the goals which won the Cup.
"However, I still don't think

"However, I still don't think
I'll be in the starting line-up for
the match against Arsenal on
Friday night!"
The 'Reds' match against

George Graham's side will decide the destination of the League Championship after one of the most dramatic seasons this century.

But although lan hasn't featured regularly in the club's march towards the 'double double' he still believes he's

had a tremendous season. "I've come back from Juventus, scored two goals which have won the FA Cup and I'm on the verge of another Championship, so I've no complaints," lan says.
"Besides, while I'm on the sidelines it means other players

are doing well. And if that keeps them on their toes and brings success to Liverpool

then it can't be that bad."

Despite the Cup going to the Red corner of Merseyside it was a day when the whole city united. And as the two teams walked off after 120 minutes of nail-biting football the cry around Wembley was: 'Merseyside, Merseyside' ... an emotional reminder of the heartache left by the tragedy of Hillsborough.



Houghten Barnes McMahon

MANCHESTER CITY veteran Neil McNab has every right to put his feet up this summer.

At the ripe old age of 31, the much travelled midfield general deserves a rest after leading his City troops back to Division One after a season he readily admits was the hardest of his career. After looking clear favourites to

oin Chelsea as one of the two sides automatically promoted to the First Division, the Maine Road side let things slip and had to fight a nail-biting last match of the

season before clinching their ticket to the top flight. And Neil's determination in ensuring that Mel Machin's side crept through to the top flight was rewarded when he was voted the club's Player of the Year.

But looking back on a hectic season, you can sympathise with Neil when he breathes a huge sigh of relief and confesses: "Thank God the season's over!

of ups and downs in my career but this season takes some beating.

"For threequarters of the campaign we played some excellent football and looked as though we would win promotion comfortably.

### Downhill

"However things then went downhill as the pressure mounted and we were struggling in our last

"And when we needed a point from our last match of the season at Bradford, it was the most nerve-racking experience I've ever been through.

I don't know how the youngsters coped because I was nervous even after 17 years in the

"So naturally we got off to shaky start and Bradford went a goal ahead after just 24 minutes. Then we threw everything at them but it wasn't until four minutes from time that Trevor Morley got the equalising goal which meant promotion.

"Trevor's goal came as a great relief and it now has to rank as the highlight of my career – despite the toll it took on me!"

Neil has gone through a rejuvenation period which saw him guide City's youngsters through all the difficulties and, despite everything, he admits: "It's been a great thrill. It always helps having an older player around when things get heated and at times I've found myself just calming players down and making sure they don't get carried away.

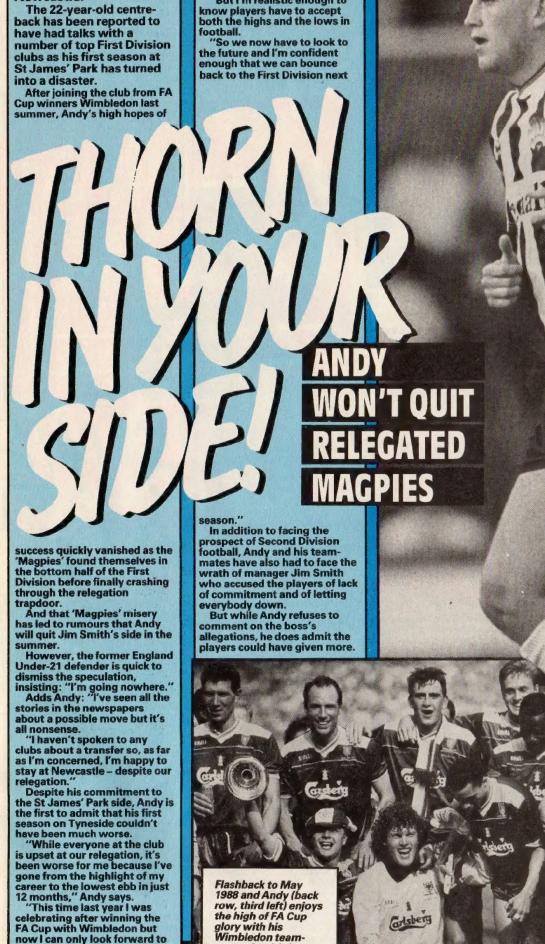
"It's been a great team effort all

just about what we deserved. "It's also the third time in my

### **ANDY THORN finally** ended months of speculation surrounding his future, declaring: "I'm staying at Newcastle."

the prospect of playing in the Second Division. "When I signed for Newcastle I had high hopes of success and I never imagined that my first season would end on such a

disappointing note.
"But I'm realistic enough to know players have to accept both the highs and the lows in



Flashback to May 1988 and Andy (back row, third left) enjoys the high of FA Cup

glory with his

Wimbledon teammates, but it's been

all downhill since.

now I can only look forward to

CITY'S PROMOTION BRINGS

**RELIEF FOR MCNAB** 

Left: Neil McNab nerve-racking season. career that I have been promoted to the First Division but, while this has been the hardest one yet, it's

also been the most enjoyable.
"And for a city like Manchester to have two big sides in the top

"The fans can now look forward to the good old-fashioned derbies

they used to enjoy."
But Neil is also quick to point out that the club will have to invest in new players to become real force in the First Division.

### Experience

"We need more experience just to balance things out," he says. "We need a couple more older

eads to get a well-balanced side "But I still think we'll do well next season. The First Division is certainly the weakest I've seen and I think we can exploit that.

"And with one or two new signings, I think City will be a team to be reckoned with next season!





### MATCH READERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY

THE generosity and warmth of MATCH readers has been overwhelming as the money has flooded in for the MATCH Hillsborough Appeal Fund. And the name of every reader who makes a donation – however small – will go into a draw for an Umbro ball autographed by the England Squad and kindly donated by Malcolm Russell of Replica World. Send your cheques or postal orders, made payable to MATCH, to the: MATCH Hillsborough Appeal Fund, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ. Include your name and address with your donation.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to caring fans Denise Day and her boyfriend Duncan Everitt, who embarked on a sponsored tour of England's football grounds in support of the Hillsborough Appeal Fund (Editor's Desk, May 6).

The exhausted pair, who live in Bedford, called in at the MATCH offices earlier this week to report that their 24-hour marathon took in 34 clubs - and they had a photograph of every ground visited to prove it.

'Our best reception was at Old Trafford," enthused Denise (24), proudly displaying a

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picture of herself and Duncan with United favourites Brian McClair, Jim Leighton and Bryan Robson. "We hope to be able to send at least £500 to the fund when all the money is in."
Denise began the 24-hour

drive only a few days after coming our of hospital where she had been treated for a kidney complaint. What a tremendous effort!

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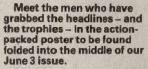
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Glory boy Nigel Clough whose two goals helped Forest win the Littlewoods Cup this

# RIPLEY WON'T MOVE

**STUART RIPLEY has** dashed the hopes of clubs eyeing up his £1 million-rated talent by pledging his long-term future to Ayresome Park.

The 21-year-old striker has been the subject of much speculation which heightened when Middlesbrough were relegated from the First

Division earlier this month. And news of Stuart's decision to stay with the club will come as a big boost to North-East football which has recently suffered an alarming

decline in fortunes.
Says Stuart: "I keep reading talk about my future in the papers and feel it's only fair to set the record straight.

"I have signed a four-year contract at the club which still has three years to run but as far as I'm concerned I'd be happy to sign for another five!

"I love the club and have no intention of leaving. The only way I would go is if the manager saw fit to sell me.
"The fact we've just been

relegated has done nothing to change my opinion. If anything it makes me more determined to stay and help get the club back in the First Division."

### Tough nut!

Stuart is convinced that next fortunes of North East football which has suffered so tragically this year, although he admits that both Middlesbrough and Newcastle will find the Second livision a tough nut to crack. Says Stuart: "I still can't

believe we've been relegated in our first season, although a number of reasons have

contributed to our downfall.
"The club has suffered from their fair share of injuries which hasn't helped and, without

making too many excuses, we never had a settled side.
"But I suppose we never came to grips with the quality of the First Division and underestimated many of the

The likes of Liverpool and Nottingham Forest run you ragged and you are lucky if you see the ball in 90 minutes while every mistake you make gets

"Bridging the gap between First and Second Division football is a real problem and that's why promoted sides struggle so much.

"I honestly believe you can

count yourself lucky if you survive a season in the top light after gaining promotion "Millwall have done

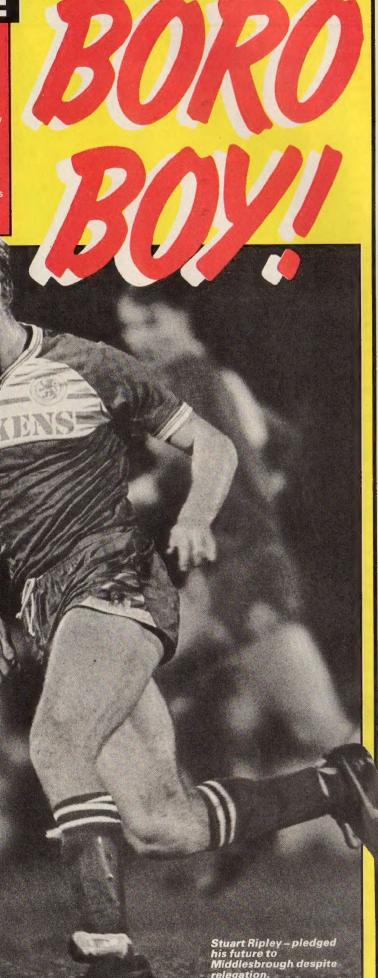
tremendously but even they began to show signs of racking up towards the end of

"Our priority now is to bounce right back and, as long as we can hold on to our best

players, I'm almost certain we

The big clubs will see our relegation as an opportunity to people like Colin Cooper, Tony Mowbray, Gary Pallister and Mark Brennan – but I'm confident all of them will follow n my footsteps and stay.

"We know what it takes to get out of the Second Division, although I think it will be a lot harder than two seasons ago, especially with clubs like Newcastle, Sunderland, Wolves and Leeds desperate to recapture better days.







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ENGLAND 0 May 23, 1987 SCOTLAND 0 ENGLAND 0 6 NIGEL CLOUGH should make up for two lost years on Saturday.

That's the period of time the Nottingham Forest striker should have been on the England scene instead of having to kick his heels in the Under-21 side.

But all that will hopefully be forgotten at Hampden when, if Bobby Robson's got anything about him at all, he will throw

# THE EMLYN HUGHES COLUMN



Poland Work

the 23-year-old in for his long overdue international debut. The absence of Peter Beardsley and Gary Lineker means there's a yawning gap up front and it's quite appropriate that it should be Peter's unavailability that clears the way for Nigel. The duo have been the best home-based English forwards for quite a while, and Nigel thould certainly be in the question.

The duo have been the best home-based English forwards for quite a while, and Nigel should certainly be in the queue of replacements ahead of the likes of Alan Smith, Tony Cottee and Mick Harford.

'Cloughie' junior will be desperate to prove himself, and he's shown on more than one occasion this term that he's got the perfect temperament for the hig occasion.

the big occasion.

Nigel should also be helped by the presence of Neil Webb, Stuart Pearce and Des Walker in the team, and any nerves will certainly be helped by those familiar faces.

I'm afraid the game doesn't seem to have the edge it has had in previous years, but it'll still be a heck of a contest and be a useful warm-up for the Poland World Cup game a week later.

Bobby Robson knows his best team now, but the emergence of Nigel – and Spurs' Paul Gascoigne if he's given a chance – would be a real bonus for the England boss.

But we all know Bobby, and I reckon most people know my views on him now.

All the same he should pick Clough and Gascoigne, tell them to go out and enjoy themselves (as 'Gazza' would anyway), and then sit back and let the whole of England enjoy another thrashing of the Scots.



confidence-boosting win as their World Cup tie with Poland draws near, while we are keen to carry our recent good form into the new season for our games against France, Yugoslavia and Norway.

"So it could turn out to be a good, old-fashioned British cup

Deservedly chosen as Scotland's Footballer of the Year, Richard has enjoyed a memorable season for both club and country.

club and country.

Since his £1.2 million move from Spurs, he has formed secure centre back partnerships – first with Graham Roberts and now with the fit-again Terry Butcher – and his contribution to the 'Light Blues' success this season cannot be overstated.

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But it is in the right-back role that he has starred for Scotland.

And clearly the mood in Andy Roxburgh's squad is currently

at an all-time high.

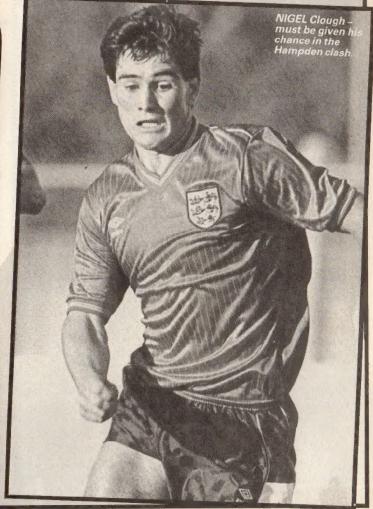
"I'll play anywhere so long as it's to the benefit of the team," he says.

"We have made a great start to our World Cup campaign and it would be nice to pick up the Rous Cup to keep things ticking over.

"One of my fondest football memories is of heading the only goal in the inaugural Rous Cup match back in 1985 and the fact that we have not beaten the English since then should put extra pep into our play.

"And the presence of a few of my Rangers' team-mates plus my old Spurs pal Chris Waddle in the England line-up will certainly give me plenty to play for.

"Our English contingent have been using last year's Wembley win to wind us up but a Scotland victory on Saturday will soon put an end to that!"





TWENTY quick questions to put you in the mood for Saturday's big game between 'Auld Enemy' rivals England and Scotland at Hampden.

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6 MY recall to Andy Roxburgh's Scotland squad for the game against England made quite a contrast to the events of the previous day.

Just before I heard the news from the Scottish camp I had turned out for United reserves at Leicester along with Bryan Robson, Mark Hughes, Mal Donaghy and Clayton Blackmore... and we lost 3-1!

Contrary to reports we weren't all put into the team to ensure United's Reserves stayed in Division One of the Central League (a lot of good we did anyway).

we did anyway).
But as manager Alex
Ferguson pointed out when he
selected the side, with the

youth team having a game on the same night the club was down to 14 fit players, so he had little option but to play us. Leicester had one or two

players with first team experience in as well, but their

younger players raised their game and in the end we could have little argument about the

second string to the drop as some reports indicated, though, and after West Brom's draw with Everton last week

United needed a point going into their last game of the season on Saturday – and needless to say I was on stand-

All that frantic activity came after I thought I'd finished my season at Old Trafford by

I've got to be honest and say it was a relief to get that game

scoring in the 2-0 win over

It didn't condemn the

THE BRIAN
MCCLAIR
COLUMN

out of the way as the last few weeks had dragged a bit with games coming thick and fast and United not enjoying the best of results.

So many games also meant players didn't have time to get over knocks, and as was the case with the reserves, the club's resources were really stratched.

But young striker Mark
Robins seized his opportunity
to shine against Newcastle,
setting up my goal after a great
run and cross from the left.

run and cross from the left.

He'd previously set up another chance just before that and generally caught the eye in the brief time he was on the field. He actually came on as substitute in our win over Liverpool, but perhaps hasn't had as much attention as some

of the other younger players.
He's been a very prolific
scorer in the junior teams,
however, and if he continues to
hit the net at the rate he has
done this term he must have a
real chance of carving out a
career for himself.

Back on the international front I was obviously pleased to be back in Andy Roxburgh's squad after missing out for the game against Cyprus.

I'd love the chance to have a crack at the English at Hampden, particularly after missing out on the chance of playing at Wembley last season because I was required for a club game.

The only time I've played against England was a 0-0 affair at Hampden in 1987, and to be honest the game wasn't a classic, so it would be nice to get another chance.

AS told to Howard
 Wheatcroft.



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HOW it looked at the bottom of Division Four following the programme on the final Saturday of the season with Darlington seven points adrift of the rest:

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Brian Little celebrates w the League Championsh trophy following Aston Villa's success in 1981. I he must put all his experience to use at the other end of the footbal scale.

TO BOUNCE BACK BRIAN LITTLE has given Darlington a massive boost in

the wake of the club losing their fight for League survival. The 35-year-old took over as manager on a week-to-week basis in February with the unenviable task of turning the club's fortunes around.

And although his fight was in vain, Brian has pledged to bring back League football to Feethams Ground by signing a new two-year contract.
Says Brian: "I gave myself

three months to save the club and couldn't. It's as simple as "There were a number of

reasons why, including poor home form, injuries and our own inconsistency, but the big turning point came when we lost at home to Colchester in April 'Had we won that could have saved ourselves but, on the day, they

were more desperate than us and got the result they wanted."

While Colchester's form improved towards the end of the season, Darlington's suffered and the team travelled to Scunthorpe on Saturday May 6 knowing only a win would do, but they lost 5-1 and with it their League status.

Says Brian: "That result came as no surprise. There was no way we could contend with Colchester's late form so our results were meaningless.

"My priority now is to build a side not only capable of winning the Conference but with the ability to maintain a challenge for promotion when we get back in the Football

"It won't be easy but I'm sure we can succeed. We have a new chairman and the spirit at the club remains high despite all that's happened."

**DARLINGTON** defender Jim Willis is convinced the club could have saved their League status

had they acted more quickly.
The 20-year-old believes the arrival of Brian Little as manager came six months too late when only a miracle could have saved the club.

But despite the prospect of life in non-League football, Jim is adamant the club will follow in the footsteps of Lincoln and bounce straight back.

Says Jim: "Although Brian did everything in his power to save the club, he arrived far too late. He didn't have a chance. "I for one expected the club to do quite well and possibly be involved in the promotion race - not a desperate fight to preserve our League status - although as the season progressed it

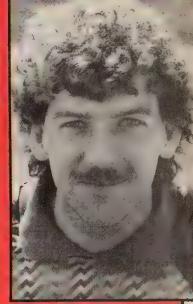
became more apparent the team would struggle. 'So when we eventually found ourselves bottom of the table and heading out of the Football League, no-one was surprised.

'It's important now that we show a lot of character and bounce straight back and the purchase of players to strengthen the squad

# FELGATE'S WEMBLEY DREAM COMES TRUE

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BOLTON V TORQUAY SHERPA VAN TROPHY FINAL, WEMBLEY, MAY

Spotlight on two men for whom victory on Sunday would be especially

have another Final defeat to

But while Jim is hoping they

don't suffer the disappointment

of Sherpa Van Trophy defeat, he realises how lucky he is to be

part of Torquay's Cup Final side.

After picking up his fourth

recent match with Wolves, it

of Sunday's showcase Final.

of two weeks' wages - the

Torquay captain realises the

looked as though the FA would

impose a six-match ban on Jim

which would have ruled him out

But after getting away with a ban of four matches – and a fine

sending-off this season in a

contend with."

# MILY HONOUR ES MCNICHOL



LEFT: Tim Breacker - his brother-in-law is out to make up for the sadness Wembley defeat

TORQUAY skipper Jim McNichol has already witnessed the disappointment of Wembley defeat this season and is determined to make amends on

The 30-year-old defender, brother-in-law of Luton's Tim Breacker, was at Wembley when the 'Hatters' lost to Nottingham Forest in last month's Littlewoods Cup Final.

So after suffering one Wembley heartache, Jim is out to ensure that his family have at least one football success this

Says Jim: "I watched Tim pick up a Littlewoods Cup winners' medal against Arsenal in 1988 but I was so sorry for him when Luton lost to Forest last month.

"They say there is no worse place to lose than at Wembley so Tim and the other Luton lads were understandably upset at

"No words can console someone who has lost in a Final but, if we can beat Bolton on Sunday, that may go some way towards making up for Tim's Wembley disappointment.

"Hopefully our family won't

"I've been in the game long enough to know better," Jim says. "Admittedly sometimes I get a bit carried away going into

error of his ways.

tackles and it very nearly cost me a place at Wembley. "But the last sending-off I received was for elbowing a player in the face and I realise it

was a stupid thing to do. "I'm very lucky to be in contention for a place on Sunday so I'll certainly be looking to improve on my record.

TO DETENTA INTER Arms raised in triumph, lan Rush sets off on his victory run after scoring the goal (above) which won the FA Cup for Liverpool - timing his run perfectly to guide the ball past Everton's Neville Southall from an inch-perfect John THE GOALTHAT WON THE CUR





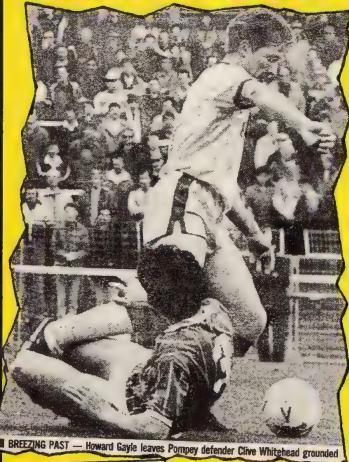




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# COLDEN GOOF



I'M in the middle of a sponsored walk from Weymouth in Dorset to Liverpool in aid of the Hillsborough Disaster Fund.

Hillsborough Disaster Fund.
It's a 270-mile trip and
naturally I could do with all the
support I can get. I plan to reach
Liverpool on June 1.
Jay Goodison, Flat 3, 9A King
Street, Weymouth, Dorset.

WHAT'S this? Has former Liverpool player Howard Gayle gone a whiter shade of pale? According to the News of the World he has.

Antony Haywood, Whitwell,

AS a loyal Manchester United supporter. I have been disappointed with the way their performances rapidly declined in the closing weeks of the season

The slump can be traced back to the FA Cup exit at the hands of Nottingham Forest and it seemed to me the players thought the season was over.

They have forgotten one thing the supporters who pay their wages and come to expect 100 per cent effort from the team they support.

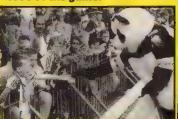
I don't expect United to win every game but I do expect them to give their best efforts, otherwise they are cheating themselves and the fans. David Smith, Droylsden, Manchester.

I CANNOT believe that nobody has written to 'Mailbag' in praise of DJ Bear, alias Paul Trevillion.

He has become a great success because he shows the fun side of football and is an absolute winner with younger football fans.

I met DJ at a West Ham match and was very impressed. MATCH shows the enjoyable side of soccer and DJ is the perfect ambassador. Francis Rodriguez, South West London.

 HAVING met Paul last week, I too was impressed with his enthusiasm and love of the game.



DJ Bear offers the hand of friendship to young fans at an Arsenal game.

(Mailbag, April 29) think he is? How nice of him to suggest that England is the only country in Europe without a football hooliganism problem. What about Ireland?

On Wednesday April 26 50,000 people saw Ireland beat Spain. Was there any trouble?

• ME...I would!

WHO does Paul Revell

**CONGRATULATIONS Chelsea!** 

The team everyone wrote off

last season has bounced back

from the Second Division with

Division Champions next term.

Second Division title race into a

procession and who would bet

against Chelsea doing just the same in the top flight?

Ian Wollard, Carshalton, Surrey.

such force that many people

see them as possible First

The 'Blues' turned the

50,000 people saw Ireland beat Spain. Was there any trouble? No way! Irish supporters are by far the best behaved supporters in Europe... and probably the world.

Paul Waugh, Cahir, Republic of

I'M sure Terry Venables has now silenced the critics who reckoned his arrival as Tottenham boss was a disaster.

Ireland.

A 5-0 romp at Millwall, 2-1 victory at Wimbledon, 3-0 success over West Ham and a 2-1 win over Cup Finalists Everton sent the White Hart Lane team surging into the First Division's top five.

The millions spent on Paul Stewart and Paul Gascoigne now look like money well spent and who can doubt that Spurs will mount a very real title threat next term?

VICTORIES over teams which, on the whole, have little to play for can hardly be the basis for thinking that Spurs can go from also-rans to Champions.



# MAGPIES SORROW

ISN'T it sad that the three stars of England's 5-0 win over World Cup rivals Albania were all Newcastle old boys – and the club finds itself in the Second Division?

Can you imagine Newcastle relegated if Peter Beardsley, Chris Waddle and Paul Gascoigne had still been at the club?

However, something good may come from what I hope will be a brief stay in the

Second Division and that is that the present board will be overthrown, making way for someone who is prepared to fund the club and consider the fans' opinions, namely John Hall.

Surely this must happen to save one of the most famous clubs in the land. We can't bank on Kevin Keegan saving us again!

again! Neil Jones, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. WALES have got to stop being the nearly men of British football – starting with success in next week's crucial World Cup qualifier against West Germany in Cardiff.

That's the view of Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall, who readily acknowledges that nothing less than wins in all their remaining Group Four games will be good enough for Terry Yorath's team.

Not only would that give them a great chance of qualifying for the 1990 Finals in Italy but help



Deen Saunders -- Weish danger men along with lan Rush and Mark Hughes.





SOUTHALL BREATHES NEW FIRE INTO DRAGONS

them drop the 'bridesmaids' tag which has haunted so many campaigns over the last few seasons

The Welsh 'Dragons' have had to sit back and watch England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Eire qualify for major Championships all over the world.

But all that has got to change NOW, according to 30-year-old Neville, who says: "We're only a couple of players short of being a very, very good team, but we've got to stop being the nearly men for so many reasons.

"Apart from anything else, the Welsh FA needs the money a trip to the World Cup would bring. It would also enhance our standing which would mean we would be able to attract better sides for friendly matches — which would again help finances.

"Before we start worrying about all that, however, we've got to do our stuff on the field, starting with a win against West Germany.

"In a qualifying group you normally set your stall out to draw your away games and then win at home, but we've only drawn 2-2 with Finland at home and lost 1-0 in Rotterdam.

"So we've got to win all our remaining games, aithough I don't suppose for one moment that's going to be easy against West Germany and Holland, who must be two of the best teams in Europe."

Fresh from a 1-1 draw with

reigning European Champions Holland, Franz Beckenbauer's German side currently top the group.

But in Ian Rush and Mark Hughes, the Welsh have a striking duo to worry the best according to Neville.

"Obviously it's a bonus having the pair of them back in this country and they're going to be absolutely crucial to our hopes in the rest of the games," he says.

"Mark also had a spell on loan with Bayern Munich last season, so he might be able to provide us with some information.

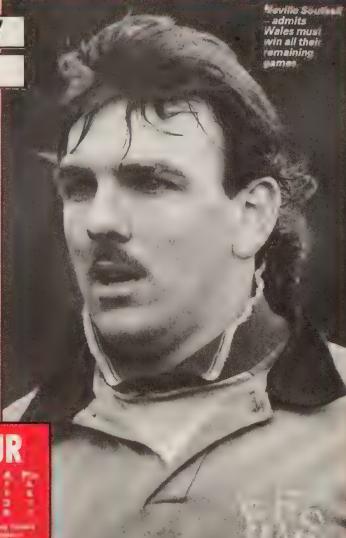
with some information.

"The Germans won't be able to afford Dean Saunders any room either. He's been playing tremendously well and always looks like getting goals.

looks like getting goals.
"We proved what we're
capable of when we beat Italy
over there at the end of last
season. That was just before the
European Championship Finals,
and although I didn't play, I
gather they didn't like it one bit."

# **GROUP FOUR**

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to see out my contract. But if the

club don't want me then I'm sure another club will come in

Maradona's decision to see

out his contract will come as welcome news to the Napoli faithful who saw him lead his side to UEFA Cup glory following their 5-4 aggregate win over Stuttgart, the Italian

win over Stutgart, the Italian side's first European trophy. Their star import set up two of Napoli's goals then stepped forward to collect the cup as

But while Napoli have already

tasted European glory, it looks unlikely that they will lift the Italian First Division crown as Inter Milan take charge.

for me.

ARGENTINA star Diego Maradona this week gave Napoli fans a second reason to celebrate when he pledged his immediate future to the Naples

The midfield dynamo had been reported to be on the verge of quitting the club after losing the support of chairman Corrado

But in an interview with Italian television, Maradona ended the speculation, insisting: "I won't leave Naples until my contract

expires on 1993."
He ended: "The only thing I said to the chairman was that if he no longer wanted me at Naples he could sell me.
"I'm still happy here and want

## ANTOGNONI TO QUIT

FORMER World Cup star Giancario Antognomi is set to retire later this month after 17 wears in professional football. The international midfielder,

formerly of Fiorentina and now with Lausanne, was a member of the victorious Italian side which won the 1982 World Cup.

### FRENCH DRAMA

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	AC Milan	28	12	12	4	45	21	36
	Juventus	28	12	10	- 6	41	32	34
•	Sampdoria	28	11	10	7	34	20	32
•	Atalanta	28	10	12	- 6	32	23	32
	Fiorentina	28	12	7	9	41	36	31
	Roma	28		10	9	27	32	28
	Verona	28	5	18	7	17	21	26
	Bologna	28	7	10	11	23	32	24
	Lecce	28	7	10	11	19	31	24
	Lazio	28	3	17	- 8	18	25	23
	Pescera	28	5	13	10	24	35	23
	Torino	28	- 6	10	12	29	38	22
	Cesena	28	- 6	10	12	22	37	22
	Ascoli	28	- 6	9	13	22	34	21
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a TEST RESULTS: Ascoli 1, Bologna 0;
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; Lazio 1, Pisa 0; Sampdoria 1, Ac Milan
; Touno 0, Juventus 0, Napoli 1, Roma 1.
EADING SCORERS: 18 - Serena (Inter
filan), 16 - Baggio (Fiorentina), Careca
Napoli), 13 - Borgonovo (Fiorentina),
ialli (Sampdoria); 12 - Van Basten (Inter
filan), Carnevale (Napoli); 10 - Evair
Atalanta), Barros (Juventus), Virdis (AC

### HOLLAND (Leading positions)

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Volendam	33	13	7	13	42	48	33	H
Hearlem	33	10	11	12	35	49	31	
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### POLAND

(Leading positions)

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### SPAIN

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Barcelona	31	19		3	66	22	47		
Valencia	32	15	11	8	32	23	41		
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Real Vall.	32	15	- 6	11	34	25	36		
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Seville	32	12	10	10	33	31	34		
Real Zar.	32	12	10	10	39	37 36 31	34		
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Malaga	32	10	7	15	33	44	27		
Espanol	32	- 8	14	13	24	37	24		
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### USSR

(Leading positions)

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^	Torp. Mosc.	10	- 4	- 8	- 1	11	- 6	13
ı	Dnepr Dnep.	10	- #		2	11	7	12
	Ch. Odessa	10	- 4	- 4	2	12	12	12
4	M. Kharkov	10		2	- 4	13	12	10

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ě	Haiduk	28	11	9	9	38	27	28
į	Osijek	28	11	7	19	43	41	27
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# CONFIDENT COLOGNE

A SHOCK defeat for Bayern Munich has set the scene for a thrilling finish to the West

A 2-0 defeat at Stuttgart Kickers has reduced Bayern's lead at the top of the table to just one point as Cologne increased the pressure with a 2-0 win over Borussia Dortmund. Both sides have five matches

OTHER

RESULTS

AUSTRIA Graz AK 2, Vienna SK 3; St. Polton 1. Rapid Vienna 2. FA Austria Vienna 1. FC Tyrol 1; Vienna 3. Admira Wecker 1. LEADING POSITIONS-1 FC Tyrol, 34pts, 2 Austria Vienna, 26pts; 3. Admira Wecker, 25pts.

PETGIUM
Uerse 0, Waregern 0;
Antwerp 2, Standard Liege 0, Mechelen 2,
Beveren 1, Anderlecht 4, Cercle Bruges 2;
St Truiden 0, Ghent 16; Club Bruges 4,
Molenbeek 3; Lokeren 2, Racing Mechelen
3; FC Liege 5, Beerschot 1; Courtrai 2,
Charlerof 2. LEADING POSITIONS: 1
Mechelen (Champions), 57pts; 2
Anderlecht, 53pts; 3 FC Liege, 46pts.
Molenbeek and Ghent are relegated.

GRANGE Auxerre 1, Recing Paris 1; Caen 1, Lens 0; Cannes 1, Metz 1; Life 1, Strasbourg 1, Monaco 4, Bordesux 2, Nantes 0, Nice 1; Sochaux 1, St Etienne 0; Toulon 1, Marseille 2; Toulouse 2, Montpellier 2; Paris St Germain 3, Leval 0, LEADING POSITIONS (played 36): 1 Marseille, 70pts; 2 Paris St Germain, 68pts; 3 Sochaux, 65pts.

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Honved 2, Vac 0; Bekescaba
1, Veszprem 0; Pecs 2, Vasas Budapest 1;
Szombathely 1, Dunaujvaros 2; Raba Eto
Gyor 1, Ferencvaros 0; MTK VM Budapest
1, Slofok 1 (Slofok win 5-4 on pens);
Zalaegerszeg 1, Ujpest Dozsa 0; Vldeoton
3, Tatabanya 1, LEADING POSITIONS: 1
Honved, 5) pts; 2 Vldeoton, 48pts; 3 Reba
Eto Gyor, 47pts.

WASTIGERMANN SC Kartsruhe 2, SV Hamburg 2; Stuttgart Kickers 2, Bayern Munich 0; St Pauli 1, Hanover 1; Cologne 2, Borussia Dortmund 0; Bayer Uerdingen 2, Werder Bremen 1; Nuremberg 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Kaiserslautern 2; Waldhof Mannheim 3, VfB Stuttgart 4. LEADING POSITIONS (played 29): 1 Bayern Munich, 42pts; 2 Cologne, 41pts; 3 Hamburg, 34pts

PAUL ELLIOTT chased

by Juventus - see Pages 34 and 35.

remaining and outspoken Cologne coach Christoph Daum is confident his side can emerge as Champions.

"Bayern should enjoy their lead for a little while because it won't last much longer," he

TWO goals from Andre Halter helped Grasshoppers retain the Swiss Cop with a 2-1 win over Aarau. Rene van der Gijp scored the consolation goal in front of a crowd of 27,000.

\*\*\*\*\* FRENCH midfielder Thierry Pister has signed a four-year contract with French First

Division side Toulon after three

years in Belgium with Antwerp

\*\*\*\*\*\* LIBYA have withdrawn from the World Cup qualifying competition because they cannot play their four remaining group matches The revised Group A table (with Libya's

results deleted) now reads

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WORLDOFSICCER

**AC MILAN skipper Ruud Gullit is** facing a race against time to be fit for tonight's European Cup Final clash against Steaua Bucharest.

The Dutch master had a cartilage operation last month which forced him out of Milan's closing League games...and plunged into doubt his availability for tonight's

showcase Final. Gullit decided to return to Holland for treatment from a **Dutch physiotherapist and** Italian sports pages have also suggested that he left the country to escape the pressure he's been under.

"When you are feeling bad, you feel better in your own home," says AC trainer Arrigo Sacchi. "Having lived in Holland most of his life, it's obvious he should turn to the people he knows best.

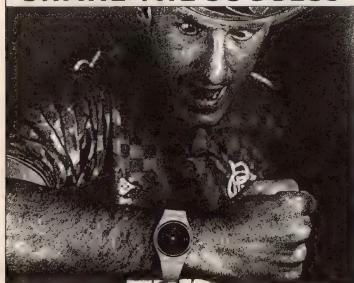
"But Gullit has a great desire to get fit and play in the Final. And if he needs more time, then we'll give it to him."



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Arsenal manager George Graham - clashed with Stewart Robson

# MY FALL-OUT WITH GRAHAM

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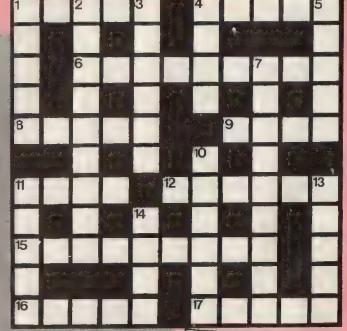
- Club to which Bryan Hamilton returned as manager in 1989 (5)
- Ex-Leeds 'keeper between the sticks at Highbury (5)
- Former Liverpool defender - briefly boss at the Manor Ground (9)
- Scottish striker who moved from Wrexham for success at Tranmere (5)
- **Doncaster Rovers'** veteran Irish International midfielder
- They're useful for planning routes to away
- Former Old Trafford star who took Bristol City to

- the Littlewoods Cup Semi-Finals (6) The last French side to
- have appeared in a
  European Cup Final (2,7)

  16. Second Division club
  from the Potteries (5)

  17. Reading midfielder
- recruited from Gillingham in 1988-89 (5)

- National side managed by Terry Yorath (5)
- Liverpool Scot unlucky with injuries in 1988-89
- The man who leads the line at Filbert Street (6)
- **Emblem associated with** Down (4)
- Canary who flew in from QPR (5)



- Home of Birmingham City
- 10. Forename of Liverpool's
- skipper (6)

  11. Ex-West Brom and
  Manchester United
  midfielder whose career was prematurely ended in
- 13. Veteran Dundee United and Scotland defender (5)
- Midfielder snapped up from Hibs by Brian Clough in 1985 (4)

DOWN: 7. Wales; 2. Gillespie; 3. Newell, 4. Leek; 5. Coney; 7. Mares; 10. Ronnie; 11. Moses; 13. Narey; 14. Rice. Etienne; 16. Stoke; 17. Elsey. ACHOSS: 1. Wigan; 4. Lukic; 6. Lawrenson; 8. Steel; 9. Daly. 11. Maps; 12. Jordan; 15. St. Eleans; 15. Stienne; 16. Stoke; 17. Eleans

### the sidelines. What makes it more disappointing is that we have played some great football but just haven't got the breaks we so often deserved The players at Upton Park are gutted about our season but I'm confident West Ham can bounce back if the club hold on to their best players.

6 IT'S broken my heart to see West Ham battling

against relegation this season when all I've been

able to do is watch from

I for one will be staying whatever our fate. I have a year left on my present contract and there's no reason why I should

The club have some very good players, especially the likes of Stuart Slater and Paul Ince.

although we might need to buy. We must look to the future and bring people into the club that possess the skills to mount a serious challenge for the top honours and, with John Lyall in charge you can bet your last pound that we will be back to our best.

# I FEARED I'D NEVER **WALK AGAIN**

nightmare in which at one stage I feared I might never walk again, let alone play football.

The injury surfaced while I was with the England party in 1988 for the Rous Cup games against Colombia and Scotland

At the time it wasn't clear how serious it was and, although I was in some pain, the doctors told me it was nothing to worry about.

The weeks leading up to the season I spent in a rehabilitation centre and it seemed as though the rest had done the trick.

I played in all West Ham's preseason games without any reaction and was looking forward to the start of the season with high expectations.

However events took a dramatic nosedive during our first game at Southampton when, shortly after half-time, collapsed. I could barely walk and feared the worst.

It took the doctors eight weeks to diagnose the problem which turned out to be a pelvic injury and I had no choice but to undergo major surgery.

The operation itself was very painful and involved a bone

Afterwards I spent three

months resting, unable to do any training whatsoever, and even now I'm unable to run or kick a ball.

I've spent the last four months weight-training, however, and I'm determined

to win my battle.
Footballers have a habit of being negative, especially after an injury, and I remember when

Liam Brady damaged his knee at Derby last season. He promptly announced he was finished but he's been a regular all this season apart from the occasional knock.

I can take heart from that I'm young and I am sure l'have a bright future in front of me. know I'll beat this. 9

Liam Brady – thought he was finished but bounced back.





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- Who scored the winning goal in the final seconds of extra time when Scotland beat Cyprus 3-2 in a World Cup Qualifying game?
- 2. Before joining French club Bordeaux, Clive Allen played for a number of London clubs, but which one of the following has he never played for?
- 3. Keith Bertschin joined Walsall from Sunderland in the Summer of 1988, but which First Division team did he once play for?



- 4. Manchester City striker, Trevor Morley, has been a regular goalscorer on their return to Division One, but which club did he play for before moving to Maine Road?
- 5. Peter Davenport failed to keep a regular first team place at Old Trafford before moving to Middlesbrough, but for which club did he play before joining Manchester United?
- 6. Nigel Spackman returned to London to join Queens Park Rangers from Liverpool, but which club did he play for before moving to Anfield?

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### Monday, May 15

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COVENTRY (0) 2 (Clark 74, Regis 80) NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Webb 76,

Art 14,003
Coventry: Ogrizovic 6, Borrows 6, Dobson 5, Emerson 6, Kilcline 5, Peake 5 isub 84 mins Downs), Phillips 6 (sub 45 mins Clark 6), Speedie 7, \*REGIS 8,

Livingstone 5, Smith 5
Nott'm Forest: Sutton 6, Laws 5, Pearce 6,
Walker 6, Wilson 6, Rice 6, Carr 7, \*WEBB
8, Clough 7, Chapman 6, Parker 5
Subs not
used Gaynor, Chettle
Referee: T Holbrook (Walsail)
Match Rating: \*\*\*

THRILL a minute finish

EVERTON (1) 1 (Wilson 16) DERBY (0) 0

Everton. Southall 6, McDona d 5, Pointon 5, Ratcliffe 5, Watson 7, McCall 5 Nevin 6, Ebbrell 5 (sub 83 mins Clarke), Sharp 5, Cottee 5, \*WILSON 8. Sub not used

Bracewell
Derby: Sh Iton 6, Sage 5, Forsyth 5
Williams 5, Blades 5, Hindmarch 5, Cross 5,
Saunders 6, Goddard 6, ★HEBBERD 7,
Micklewhite 5 Subs not used Gee

Referee: F Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: \*\*\*

### Tuesday, May 16

### Division One

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Aldridge 45, Whelan

Att 36,366
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Ablett 6, Staunton 7 (sub 87 mins Burrows) Nicol 8, Whelan 8, \*HANSEN 9, Beardsley 8 Aldridge 8 (sub 68 mins, Rush 7), Houghton 8, Barnes 7, McMahon 8

OPR: Seaman 7, Barker 6, Allen 7

APARKER 8, Maddix 7, Spackman 8, Gray 7, sub 64 mins Falco 7), Kerslake 6, Clarke 8, Reid 6, Sinton 7. Sub not used

Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating, ★★

PROFESSIONAL Liverpool job

### Theorem There

CARDIFF (0) 0 BLACKPOOL (0) 0 Att 3,426 Cardiff: Wood 7, Rodgerson 6, Platnauer 7, Gibbins 6, Boyle 6, ★ABRAHAM 8, Curtis 6 (sub 76 mins. Fry), Bater 6 (sub 76 mins Morgan), Gilligan 7, Gummer 6, Lynex 5 Morgan J. Gummer J. Lynex 5
Blackpool: \*SIDDALL 9, Burgess 6,
Morgan 6, Thompson 8, Walsh 7, Elhott 6
Matthews 6, Walwyn 5 (sub 60 mins
Garner 7), Madden 7, Coughlin 6, Wright 6

WIGAN (0) 1 (Griffiths, pen 70) WOLVES (1) 1 (Gooding 21)

Att 5,531
Wigan: Adkins 6, Senior 7, Tankard 6,
Atherton 5, Beesley 7, Pilling 6, Thompson
7, Fallon 6 (sub 84 mins. Johnson), Woods
6 (sub 84 mins Page), Entwistle 6,
\*GRIFFITHS 8.
Wolves: Kendall 6, Bellamy 6, Thompson 7
Streete 7, Robertson 6, Vaughan 6 (sub 78
mins. Steele), \*GOODING 8, Robinson 6,
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### Wednesday, May 17

### Division One

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WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Cork 31, McGee 55)

Arsenal: Lukic 7, Dixon 7, ★WINTERBURN 8, Thomas 5, O'Leary 7,

Adams 6, Rocastle 7, Richardson 5, Smith 6, Hayes 5 (sub. 78 mins. Groves), Merson Wimbledon: \*SEGERS 8, Joseph 7.

Phelan 6 (sub 80 mins. Sanchez), Jones 6 Young 6, Scales 6, Kruszynski 6, McGee 6, Fashanu 6 Cork 6 (sub 74 mins Miller).

Wise /
Referee: R. Groves (Weston-Super-Mare)
Match Rating. ★★★

• 'DONS' dent 'Gunners' title bid

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (Linighan, og 74, Reeves 83) NORWICH (0) 2 (Rosario 69, Fleck 84) Att 16,238 Sheff Wed: Turner 7, Harper 7, Wood 7,

\*PALMER 8, Pearson 7, Madden 7, Bennett 6, Fee 6, Whitton 6, Hirst 7, Galvin 6 (sub 71 mins. Reeves) Sub not used

Norwich: Gunn 7, Culverhouse 7, Bowen 7, Butterworth 7, Linighan 7, Townsend 6, \*GORDON 8, Fleck 7, Rosano 7, Crook 6 Cook 6 Subs not used Putney, Allen Referee: R. Wiseman (Borehamwood)

Match Rating. ★★★

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Stuttgart 3, Napoli 3 (Napoli win 5-4

• Ian Rush — the Liverpool super-sub who scored twice to help the 'Reds' lift the FA Cup.

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### Thursday, May 18

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WEST HAM (2) 2 (Rosenior 22 secs, 17)

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Vest Ham: McKnight 6, Parris 7, Dicks 6,
Gale 6, Martin 6, Dickens 7, Ward 7, Stater
6 \*ROSENIOR 8, Keen 7, Brady 7 (sub 87 mins Potts). Sub not used McAvennie.
Referee: D Phillips (Barnsley)
Match Rating: \*\*\*\*

### Saturday, May 20

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EVERTON (0) 2 (McCall 89, 102)

Att 82,800 (at Wembley)
Everton: Southall 8, McDonald 6, Van den
Heuwe 6, Ratcliffe 6, Watson 5, Bracewell 5 (sub. 58 mins. \*McCALL 9), Nevin 8, Steven 7, Sharp 7, Cottee 5, Sheedy 6 (sub 77 mins. Wilson 7)

77 mins Wilson 7)
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Ab ett 6, Staunton
7 (sub 90 mins. Venison 7), Nicol 8,
Whelan 7, Hansen 8 Beardsley 6, Aldridge
7 (sub. 72 mins. Rush 8), \*HOUGHTON 9,
Barnes 7, McMahon 8.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: \*\*\*\*

GLORIOUS return for Rush

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CELTIC (1) 1 (Miller 42) RANGERS (0) 0
Att: 72,069 (at Hampden)
Celtic: Bonner 6, Morris 5, Rogan 5, Artken 6, McCarthy 7, Whyte 7, Grant 4, McStay 4, \*MILLER 8, McGhee 4, Burns 7 Subs not used Stark, Fulton
Rangers: Woods 6, Stevens 6, Munro 4

(sub 65 mins Souness 4), Gough 7, Sterland 4 (sub 57 mins Cooper, D 6), Butcher 6, Drinkell 4, Ferguson 5, McCoist A, Brown 4, \*WALTERS 8.

Referee: R Valentine (Dundse)

Match Rating: \* \*\*

CELTIC end Rangers treble dream



Tommy Burns - delighted by the return of Mo Johnston.

AN 18-year-old Maurice Johnston makes the break into professional football with Partick Thistle when he stars on his debut against St. Mirren. He then goes on to make a further 31 appearances in his first season, scoring nine goals.

### **NOVEMBER 19, 1983**

AFTER a £200,000 move South of the border, Mo makes his League debut for Watford but it ends in disaster as they crash to a 4-1 defeat.

### **DECEMBER 3, 1983**

AFTER two games without a goal, Mo repays a huge chunk of his transfer fee when he blasts a hat-trick in eight minutes as Watford win 5-0 at

FOLLOWING a long list of injuries, Scotland manager Jock Stein gives Mo the call-up for the game against Wales. And after coming on as a half-time substitute, Mo gets his name on the scoresheet to complete a dream debut.

### MAY 19, 1984

AFTER scoring in every round of the FA Cup, Mo finds himself at Wembley in the Cup Final clash with Everton. However a below-par performance from Mo – and his Watford team-mates - results in the 'Hornets' losing 2-0.

### OCTOBER 7, 1984

MO plays his last game for Watford as they go down to a 1-0 home defeat by Coventry. After weeks of speculation surrounding his future, a £400,000 deal then takes him to his beloved Celtic.

### MAY 18, 1985

MO completes his first season at Parkhead clutching a scottish Cup winners' medal as Celtic beat Dundee United 2-1.

### **MARCH 17, 1986**

DESPITE helping Celtic on their way to the Championship, Mo suffers World Cup heartbreak when Alex Ferguson leaves him out of the Scotland squad to travel to the Finals in Mexico.

### MAY 9, 1987

MO plays his last game for Celtic before signing for French club Nantes in June. His time at Glasgow was tainted with off-the-field problems and. although he admits to loving Celtic, he vows never to return.

### MAY 12, 1989

ALMOST two years after playing his last game in the green and white hoops, Mo signs for the 'Bhoys' in a deal thought to be around £2 million. Mighty Mo Is now back and ready to go again.

### First again!

**DID YOU SEE the** exclusive colour from Saturday's Scottish **Cup Final at Hampden** on Pages 4 and 5? Remember MATCH is always first and best with the late colour action.

THE return of Mo **Johnston to Celtic has** set the whole of Glasgow buzzing and, almost before the old season has ended, talk among the Parkhead fans is already of next season and the part Mo can play in getting Celtic back on the Championship trail. **RAY RYAN** gets the verdict of Celtic stalwart Tommy Burns

MO JOHNSTON'S blockbusting arrival at Celtic is the first piece of a multi-million pound jigsaw which will turn the Parkhead

men into Europe's top team. That's the view of stalwart midfield ace Tommy Burns who believes that Mo's arrival in a £2 million deal will spark a hive of transfer activity at Parkhead.

And Tommy is also convinced that the other stars Billy McNeill has targeted will

not only wrest the Scottish title away from arch-rivals Rangers but also bring European glory to the 'Bhoys'.

Says Tommy: "Mo's return to Parkhead is the biggest statement of intent the club has made over the last 20 years.

"It shows that Billy McNeill is very serious about turning Celtic into a major force in European football and he's certainly going the right way about it.

"Obviously the boss wasn't too happy about our performance in the League this season and that's why he's decided to splash out a lot of money on bringing Mo back rom Nantes.

"But he knows that Mo can't bring success on his own so that's why he's looking at a number of other star players to bring to the club.

'Obviously I can't mention any names but the players in question are the type whocombined with our current team – can give Mo a brilliant service to get the best out of his goalscoring ability.

'So with Mo's arrival and one or two other acquisitions, I'm

sure we will become a major force in European football.

"In fact, we could easily become the best club side in Europe.

Tommy is one of only a handful of Celtic players who were at Parkhead before Mo left for the sunny climes of Nantes almost two years ago.

And with the dynamic marksman leaving with the words "I'll never return to Celtic again," how surprised was Tommy by his return?

"Very surprised," he continues. "There had been a lot of stories in the Press about Mo leaving Nantes but all the talk was that he'd go to another Continental club.

"It was only on the day of his signing that any news about his return to Celtic broke.

"Naturally we were all delighted that he's come back because he is a superb striker who will always score goals.

"And since leaving Celtic for Nantes, his stature as a marksman has risen dramatically and I have no hesitation in saying he's one of the top three strikers in Europe

"Since returning, he's looked sharper, stronger, quicker and a

much better player all round. "I'm sure he has the French season to thank for that. They don't play as many games abroad as they do in Britain, so, as a result, their players have longer to relax between

fresher for it. "But in addition to improving on the park, Mo has also matured off the field and has turned into a responsible family

matches and consequently look

"When he was here before he had a few problems which may have stemmed from his fast way of life but that's all behind

him now."
Mo's arrival will also plunge into doubt the Celtic future of their current strikers. Already boasting a firing line of Mark McGhee, Andy Walker, Tommy Coyne and Joe Miller, it looks certain that at least one marksman will be forced out of the door when Mo dons the famous green and white hoops again.

"The striking positions will give the boss a massive selection problem, but it's a nice problem to have," Tommy says. "Obviously competition for places can only be good for the club and it will keep everyone on their toes.



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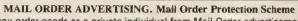
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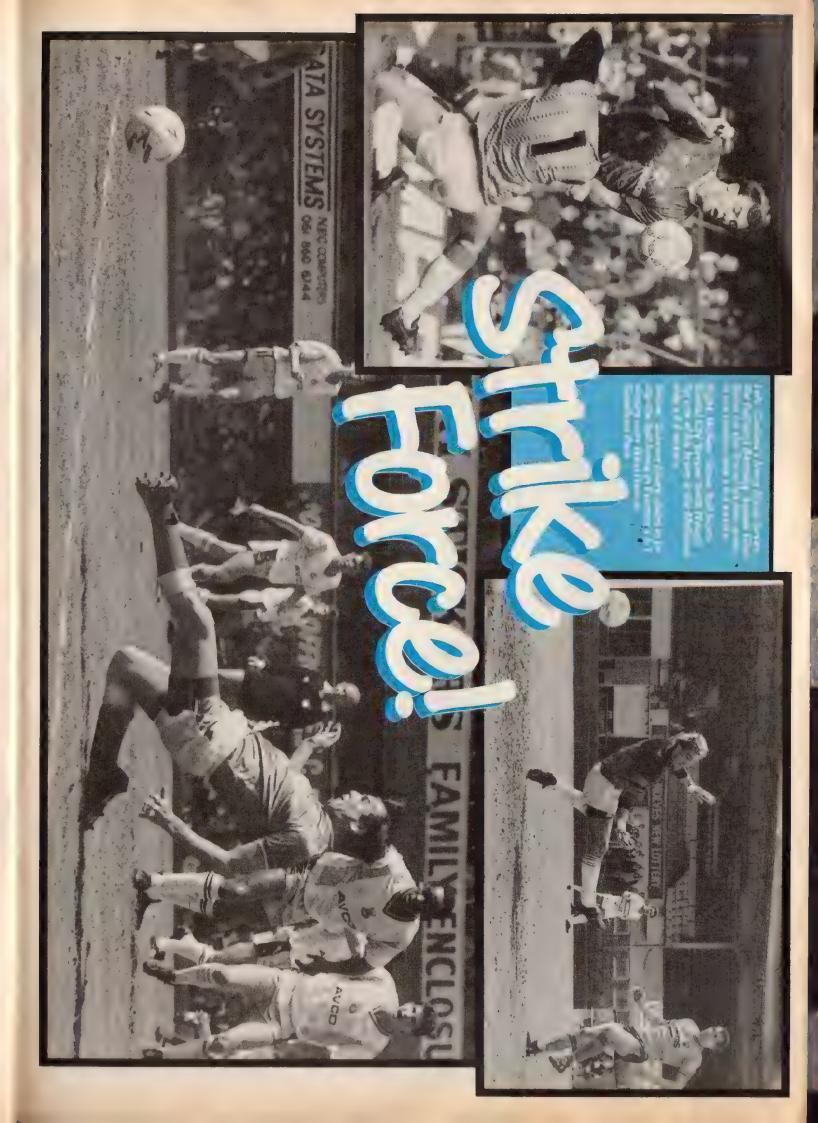
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**ENGLAND** hopeful Paul Elliott is set for a dramatic close-season move to Italian giants Juventus.

MATCH can reveal that the former Aston Villa defender currently playing in Italy's First Division with Pisa – is the man Juventus want to strengthen their suspect defence next season

Paul Elliott - hasn't

ruled out a move back to England but

Juventus look favourites to land his

Talks between the Presidents of both clubs have already begun, with the move likely to go through early this

At present Italian clubs are allowed to play only two overseas players, but if as seems likely, that is changed to three for next season, 'Juve' look like off-loading Dane Michael Laudrup and bringing Elliott to accompany Portugal's Rui Barros and Russian Alexander Zavarov.

Paul has won admirers with his performances for Pisa over the past two years and many feel he has been unlucky not to figure in any of Bobby Robson's recent England squads and, in an exclusive interview with MATCH, he said: "While I'm very happy at Pisa, a move to a club like Juventus would have to interest any player.

"I've been here for two years now and, despite being one of the less expensive imports into the Italian League, I know I've done well and established myself in the minds of people here."

Paul's contract with Pisa has a year to run but that's unlikely to deter Turin giants Juventus who can offer the club a bigger profit on their £500,000 buy from Villa should they agree to sell now.

The 25-year-old centre-back hasn't totally ruled out a move back to England but admits: "If a club like Juventus came in for me, then that would be my major

Priority.

"But if I did end up returning to England, then I would like to return to a London club because that's where I'm from," says Paul, who began his career at Charlton before moving on to Luton and then Villa Park.

"My experience with Pisa has stood me in good stead to play football anywhere. I have had a good apprenticeship here. It's a very friendly and family-like club where everyone has been very helpful.

"Pisa obviously doesn't compare in size with a club like Juventus in Turin but it meant I had a quiet entry into Italian football and was able

to concentrate on establishing myself. "If I'd gone straight to one of the biggest clubs here, the spotlight would have been on me right away. Ian Rush was a good example of that. Juventus paid £3.5 million for him and the pressure was on him from day one.

"I had a little bit more time

to develop."
Paul also feels that 'Rushy'
neglected the golden rule for
British players abroad – and suffered for it.

'For any foreign player, learning the language is the



most important thing," says Paul. "No disrespect to lan, but I think his major problem at Juventus came from not learning Italian.

"If he had been able to communicate with his coaches and the other players then I think the problems he was suffering on the pitch could have been sorted out.

"Being the world-class player he is, I'm sure with a bit more communication he could have changed his style.

"Football's a simple game and communication with your team-mates can sort out 90 per cent of your problems.
"I made sure I learned to

speak Italian fluently and I've nefited from that.

With a successful grounding in Italian football behind him, Paul has now set his sights on an England breakthrough, where he feels knowledge gained from playing against many of the world's top strikers could benefit England in the World Cup hosted by Italy next

He says: "Four years ago, when I was playing at Luton under David Pleat, I felt I was just on the edge of an England breakthrough but it all just

slipped away.
"Now I'm a more mature player and I'm playing against some of the best players in the world who will all be here next summer in the World Cup

"That doesn't make me an automatic choice for England, but hopefully it will merit some consideration.

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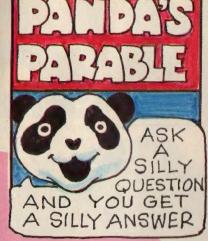
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WITH a heart the size of a football and displaying the courage of a dozen lions, he proudly bounces about the pitch in a Chelsea jersey with a number four on his back.

No, it's not macho skipper Graham Roberts but tiny seven-year-old Geoffrey Trowsdale – not much bigger than a shin pad but big enough to have the top specialists at St Thomas' Hospital Waterloo looking up at him as he defies the medical books, goes through the pain barrier and gets the thousands of Chelsea fans shouting: 'Loyal supporter – we love

Your DJ Bear met Geoffrey at Fratton Park before the match with Portsmouth on the final Saturday of the season and his Dad Gary told me: "He went potty when we arrived here and he saw your name in the programme. Besides Graham Roberts, you are his

"He's now the official Chelsea mascot for away games but Geoffrey's really a mini-mascot for the League because he does applaud and cheer both sets

Geoffrey's Dad went on: "It all started at Chelsea's away match at Manchester City. There were over 40,000 supporters packed into the ground and the

# BRAVE GEOFFREY IS

## CHELSEA CHEER-LEADER

referee told both mascots to go down the players' tunnel and sample the atmosphere. The City mascot stood back but Geoffrey ran straight onto the pitch and the whole crowd roared in approval of this little

'He's been to every Chelsea away match since and it's a medical miracle because, two days before a game, Geoffrey, who suffers from a serious mystery stomach virus, starts to glow with health - such is his determination to be there.
"The football drug is 100 times more powerful than

all the antibiotics he's on. The medical boys just scratch their heads in disbelief."

### Strong

I asked Geoffrey why Graham Roberts is his hero. "He's so big," he replied, "and so strong. One day I want to be big and strong like him."

In character, Geoffrey already is. He's football's new hero but what a pity all this happened on a day when a few of Birmingham's idiotic fans at Crystal Palace hit the headlines. Our little Geoffrey never got a mention but then the real fans never do...

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into it. This is not always the right thing to do because you show yourself and make it easy for a defender to pick you up. Study how the master of the late run, Bryan Robson of Manchester United and England, waits on the blind side of defenders until his team-mate is in a position to pass into the gap. This is the signal for Robson to take advantage of the opening - timing his run to arrive with the ball and usually adding his name to the

# FEARSONE

FOUR names have struck fear into the heart of Third Division defenders this season.

Fortunately for them the nightmare is over but, for their counterparts in the Second Division, the sleepless nights are about to start as they ponder the prospect of facing the fearsome foursome – Steve Bull and Andy Mutch of Wolves and the Sheffield United duo of Brian Deane and Tony Agana.

Between them, the quartet have fired an astonishing 133 goals as their teams stormed into first and second spots respectively – and are now preparing for life in a higher

echelon.
Bull and Mutch proved their
mettle in Wolves' Fourth
Division Championship side
and have just been paid the
marvellous compliment of
being invited on the England B

The pair from Bramall Lane were the surprise packet of the season, however, being brought together by Dave Bassett who took Tony Agana from his former club Watford and then signed Deane from Doncaster in the summer.

They were an immediate hit and grabbed almost as many headlines as their better-known rivals from Molineux.

But just how good are the two partnerships and how will they fare next season?

MATCH put the question to Bury defender Kenny Clements, now 34, who has had a wealth of First and Second division experience with both Manchester City and Oldham.

And he came up with some answers that should be of great interest to the host of managers and scouts who have run the rule over all four players repeatedly this season.



# **GOAL-BLASTING BLADES**

CLEMENTS'

Competition	Goals Deane	Goals Agana	Team total	Partnerships goals as % of team total
League	22	24	93	49%
FA Cup	5	3	18	44%
Littlewoods Cup	3	2	9	56%
Sherpa Van	0	1	4	25%
Total	30	30	124	48%

SHEFFIELD UNITED are a typical Dave Bassett team, hitting the early ball up front to Brian Deane and then working hard and supporting each

It's not a million miles from Wimbledon and I suppose Deane is a bit of a John Fashanu in the way he uses his elbows and his knees to battle for everything. In short, he's a real nuisance to play against.

To be honest, there are quite a few similar players knocking about in the League and the player who really caught my eye was his striking partner Tony Agana.

He's got a lot of skill, is very sharp and fast and looks like he could do well at a higher level. He's the right sort of foil for a big man like Deane and gets on the end of the knock-downs.

So they're effective as a unit, which is what it's all about, but again it's hard to say how they would get on if a club came in for one of them and the partnership was broken.

I don't think they would as

I don't think they would as successful, but that would be the case with Bull and Mutch. A partnership is something that's unique to two players and you can't re-create it by matching them with somebody else.

I have no idea how Sheffield United will get on in the Second Division but I do know their strikers will make life very uncomfortable for a lot of defenders!



single-minded attitude when it came to scoring.

Nobody can deny Steve does have that almost priceless goal knack, which is why the papers are full of £1 million transfer talk.

That sort of skill is in short supply.

He has struck up an incredible partnership with Andy Mutch – who seems to create so many of his goals – although I suspect one of the reasons for their success is the quality of supply they get from the rest of the team.

of supply they get from the rest of the team, in particular winger Robbie Dennison.

After two successive Championship wins, it's not surprising that confidence is flowing through the team, which is another big help for goalscorers because they won't be shotshy or worrying about the next goal.

Wolves try to play football and I think they could make a big impact on the Second Division, but a lot of that depends on how successful Graham Turner is at keeping the

It's difficult to imagine how Bull and Mutch would get on if one of them did leave and the partnership was split up, but I'm absolutely certain Steve Bull in particular will score goals in whichever team he plays.

**GOAL-HUNGRY WOLVES** 

Competition	Goals Bull	Goals Mutch	Team total	Partnership's goals as % of team total
League	37	21	96	60%
FA Cup	0	0	0	
Littlewoods Cup	2	0	3	67%
Sherpa Van	11	2	17	76%
Total	50	23	116	63%

THANKS PARTNER! Steve Bull (left) and Andy Mutch clown with the Third Division Championship trophy – their goals having played a major part in Wolves' success.

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